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## Memorandum

TO: Administration Committee

DATE: June 3, 2009

FR: Executive Director

W.I.: 1152

RE: MTC / ABAG Interagency Agreement for FY 2009-10

To continue the joint land use and transportation planning program between MTC and ABAG, MTC annually passes through to ABAG a portion of MTC's Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) planning grants and local Transportation Development Act (TDA) planning funds. Funding passed through to ABAG is based on the formula contained in the Funding Agreement between MTC and ABAG that was developed a number of years ago, and is recommended to be retained for the coming fiscal year.

The FHWA and FTA planning fund levels show an increase over prior years; however, the TDA contribution is expected to decline by 8% over FY 2008-09 because of the sluggish economy. Counterbalancing that trend to some extent, however, is the new contribution of federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds, that were pledged as an on-going regional planning contribution as outlined in the recently adopted long range plan, Transportation 2035. This contribution is different from the other federal dollars contributed to ABAG because the STP funds are a specific fixed programmed amount of \$540,000 per year. The FTA and FHWA planning contributions, on the other hand, are percentage shares of total Planning funds that come to the region, and will increase or decrease year to year depending on the base amounts received by MTC. In summary, the aggregate estimated funds available to ABAG for FY 2009-10 equals \$2.6 million - a 12% increase over last year.

MTC's FY 2009-10 funding contribution to ABAG, by funding source, is shown below.

\$ 215,741 FTA: Fifteen percent of the portion that MTC reserves for regional planning activities;

\$ 1,004,770 FHWA: Fifteen percent of the total FHWA funds available for regional planning activities.

\$ 843,288 TDA: Ten percent of TDA three percent planning funds.

\$ 540,000 STP exchange funds

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\$ 2,603,799 Total

In addition to these funds, MTC contributes to 33% of the cost for the Regional Planning Program Director position (currently held by Ted Droettboom), who staffs the Joint Policy Committee and its work plan, reporting to the executive directors of MTC, ABAG, and the Air District. MTC's share is \$75,000, separate from this agreement and included in the agency's FY 2009-10 budget.

**Agreement Work Scope**

The scope of work maintains its focus on joint transportation/land use planning activities, as they are refined through the policy direction of the Joint Policy Committee. Significant for next year will be the focus on activities necessary to implement Senate Bill 375, as well as continued support of the joint agency "FOCUS" program and the Transportation 2035 Plan's related implementation efforts including the Resolution 3434 Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Policy, regional goods movements issues and regional Emergency Operations planning. Products and delivery dates have been identified to track progress and achievement of various tasks. ABAG has reviewed and concurred with the workscope.

**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the referral of the FY 2009-10 ABAG/MTC Interagency Agreement to the Commission for approval, subject to the approval of the FY 2009-10 agency budget



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Steve Heminger

SH: TMcM

## REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

### Summary of Proposed Contract Amendment

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| Work Item No.:              | 1152   |
| Consultant:                 | Association of Bay Area Governments<br>Oakland, CA   |
| Work Project Title:         | FY 2009-10 joint land use and transportation planning program<br>between MTC and ABAG  |
| Purpose of Project:         | To provide a regional land use and transportation planning program   |
| Brief Scope of Work:        | MTC passes federal and regional funds to ABAG to assist with the<br>responsibility for certain comprehensive planning and technical<br>activities and products that support the planning functions of both<br>agencies.  |
| Project Cost Not to Exceed: | \$2,603,799  |
| Funding Source:             | Formula share of MTC general planning funds: 10% TDA; 15%<br>FTA and 15% FHWA; and STP contribution  |
| Fiscal Impact:              | Funds are included in the proposed MTC Agency Budget for FY<br>2009-10   |
| Motion by Committee:        | That the Executive Director or his designee is authorized to<br>negotiate and enter into a funding agreement with the Association of<br>Bay Area Governments to perform comprehensive planning and<br>technical activities in FY 2009-10, and the Chief Financial Officer<br>is authorized to set aside funds from the FY 2009-10 Agency<br>Budget for this purpose in the amount of \$2,603,799, subject to the<br>approval of the proposed FY 2009-10 agency budget. |
| Administration Committee:   | <hr/> Tom Bates, Chair   |
| Approved:                   | Date: June 10, 2009  |